

*“Should I stay in school?”
“What will I do when I graduate?”
“What major should I choose in college?”
“How can I get a good-paying job?”*

*If you have ever asked yourself
these questions, you are not alone.*

*Many students say they don’t
know what they will do when they
graduate from high school or college.
There are a lot of choices!*

*Chances are, you don’t know
all the different kinds of jobs that
are out there. And, you may not
know what kind of work you would
like to do after you complete
school or the kind of work you
would be good at.*

*That makes it pretty hard
sometimes to figure how classes,
such as math, science, history,
or English apply to your future.*

For More Information

Contact teachers, career counselors,
or the principal at your school

*“Plan for Tomorrow Today –
A Guide to Careers and Occupations
in Washington State”*
available from your career counselor

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School-to-Work Transition and Students



Now You Can See For Yourself

Through School-to-Work Transition, you can learn about different careers from the people who work in them every day.

School-to-Work Transition connects what you are learning in class with your future career. It emphasizes learning by doing and helps you understand how your school work applies to real-world situations.

School-to-Work Transition can help you:

- Sample careers to see what you do and don't like to do.
- Find out what different jobs pay and what working conditions are like.
- Learn what skills are needed for different careers.
- Focus on possible careers in college.
- Get hands-on experience needed to get a good job.

School-to-Work Transition Is for You

If you are preparing for college, School-to-Work Transition will help you refine your goals, so that the time and money you invest in college are wisely spent.

If you are preparing to work full-time right after high school, you will have the chance to learn skills and work habits to get you started in a successful career.

School-to-Work Transition will help you focus on your studies, because you will see how they apply to the careers that interest you.

How Does it Work?

School-to-Work Transition offers you many ways to sample a career. Someone with an interesting job may come to school to make a presentation. You may go on a field trip or “job shadow,” where you spend a day at a company observing what people do in their jobs. Your summer job can be linked to a career field that interests you.

Sometime during your junior or senior year, you could have a job or internship in an area that interests you. The internship would relate to what you are learning in class and help you understand how what you are learning is applied in the real world. Your school can help you set it up. It would be a part-time position, during or after school. It may be paid or unpaid, depending on the arrangement with the employer.

After these experiences, you will be better prepared to make choices as you enter a four-year college, a community or technical college, a technical training program, an apprenticeship, or go straight to work.

What Can You Do Now?

There are many ways to get involved in School-to-Work Transition. Here are some ideas:

- Talk to your parents, teachers, counselors, or school principal to find out what School-to-Work Transition opportunities are available at your school. Plan to get involved in one this year.
- Think about your interests (i.e., art, computers, sports), and research how your interests relate to careers. Make a plan to explore the careers related to your interests, choose appropriate classes, and create opportunities to try out your interests.

- Get a group of your friends involved in activities, such as using a computerized career exploration program, searching the Internet, “shadowing” an adult at work in a job you are curious about, taking business classes, and interviewing people employed in fields that interest you. Research the education and training for various careers. Compare notes and exchange ideas with your friends.
- If you have a part-time job, talk to your employer about ways that you can explore different careers within the company. There are a lot of jobs “behind the scenes” that you may not see. One of them may interest you.
- Whenever possible, link your school assignments, reading, and community activities to your career interests.

School-to-Work Transition Works

Whatever career path you decide to pursue, School-to-Work Transition is a great way to start. It does not have to take away from any of your current school work. It does not have to take away from outside activities. School-to-Work Transition really is just a way of connecting what you are learning today with what you will be doing tomorrow. Check it out!